



City of Rowlett

Work Session Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, July 14, 2015

5:30 P.M.

Annex Building – 4004 Main Street

As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item herein.

The City of Rowlett reserves the right to reconvene, recess or realign the Regular Session or called Executive Session or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

Council Present: Mayor Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dana-Bashian, Councilmember Bobbitt, Councilmember Sheffield, Councilmember van Bloemendaal and Councilmember Pankratz

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gottel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. WORK SESSION

2A. Discuss amending the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Adopted Operating and Capital Improvements Program Budget. (20 minutes)

Terri Doby, Budget Officer, reviewed the reasons for the proposed amendment due to heavy rainfall and previous water restrictions and decreased revenue in the utility fund.

Brian Funderburk, City Manager, commented about bond ratings and reserves in the fund.

Council discussion regarding North Texas Municipal Water District's "take and pay" feature and the funds paid over sales.

2B. Discuss allocation of funds for 2015 Plan Year Community Development Block Grant. (60 minutes)

This item was discussed first.

Marc Kurbansade, Director of Development Services, along with Erin Jones, Senior Planner, outlined the process for the home rehabilitation program and provided an update on this year's program along with a proposal for the next program year.

Mayor Pro Tem Gallops left the room prior to this discussion due to a conflict of interest and returned for the next item. Mr. Gallops has filed a Conflict of Interest form with the Office of the City Secretary.

Council discussion regarding the use of public services funds for seniors, youth, and families; the possible allocation of more funds for the housing rehabilitation, assessing further needs of Scruggs Park as well as the needs of Life Message and Honor Academy.

Approval of the next program year will be presented at a future meeting.

2C. Discuss Economic Development Incentive Policies & Economic Development Advisory Board. (45 minutes)

This item was discussed second.

Jim Grabenhorst, Director of Economic Development, and Nathan Weber, Economic Development Specialist, introduced members of the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) and provided an update on their participation, involvement in the incentive review process, activities, and recommendations, and comparisons of surrounding cities' incentive policies.

Council discussion regarding the makeup of the board, EDAB's involvement in the incentive review process, major areas of focus and hiring a broker to specialize in the North Shore area.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

3A. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to receive legal advice from the City Attorney and to consult with the City Attorney regarding the Creekside Village Project and Form-Based Code zoning.

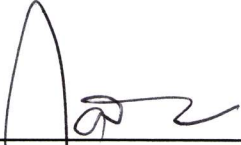
In at 8:28 p.m. Out at 8:59 p.m.

TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

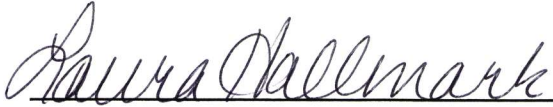
There was no action taken.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.



Todd W. Gottel, Mayor



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Date Approved: August 4, 2015

